

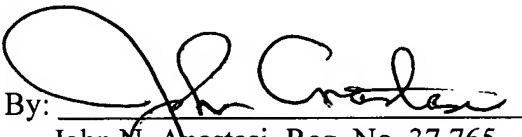
REMARKS

The election of Group II, Claims 7-17 is made with traverse, as the Applicants respectfully submit that search and examination of all of the pending claims in the application can be made without undue burden on the Examiner. In doing so, Applicants retain the right to petition from the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.144. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the restrictions requirement and proceed with the prosecution on the merits of all of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50/2762.

Respectfully submitted,
William T. Clark, Applicants

By: 
John N. Anastasi, Reg. No. 37,765
LOWRIE, LANDO & ANASTASI, LLP
One Main Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142
United States of America
Telephone: 617-395-7000
Facsimile: 617-395-7070

Docket No.: M0506-703330
Date: November 30, 2004